

SENATOR McFARLAND: It doesn't mention Pell Grants, and I think the testimony concerning that particular bill doesn't say...the effect is that they don't actually have to forego the \$800 of the Pell Grant. They do get the full scholarship, if they...as well as the Pell Grant.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would it surprise...All right, let me ask you this, are they told, if they walk on at the school, that there are certain federal programs which offer assistance to athletes and other students that they cannot accept, unless they're willing to forego a year of participation during which they would receive that aid?

SENATOR McFARLAND: I have to confess I'm not aware that you have to...that a student that walks on, without a scholarship, has to forego that aid. I'm not aware of that. I know that when I played, for example, I walked on and yet I received an academic scholarship at the same time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, there...and I'm working on this with the Athletic Department but...well not the Athletic Department but the university now because there are federal programs that offer aid to students which one who is a walk on must forego in order to participate in the football program. So were he not a football player that wouldn't happen. And it only relates to a revenue generating sport. It doesn't apply to those who are in gymnastics, golf, tennis or whatever else. So, while Senator McFarland is concerned about certain things maybe not being revealed or disclosed to the extent that he would like to see in these agent contracts, there are arrangements that the universities have, because of NCAA rules, that are going to impact on the player after he gets there, that he's not aware of at the time. So we're talking about fairness and disclosure. We should do that with the recruiters who try to bring these high school players there. Senator McFarland had indicated that it's not a good practice by me or that I shouldn't do this in bringing up an amendment, after an amendment, after an amendment. When I first began talking about the bill I spoke in general terms and I hit here and there at some of the main points that I found a problem with. Now what I have to do is aim at those specific areas that the problems exist and try, by amendment, to change them. Senator Hefner, during his talk on one of my amendments, said, Senator Chambers, instead of just criticizing the bill why don't you try to amend it. And at the time that he was making that comment he was